

*Press Release*

PUTNAM COUNTY -- The Putnam County Engineer is providing notice to the public regarding the following project:

Replacement of the bridge over Plum Creek on County Road 11-J, between County Road Z and Township Road P in Section 29 of Pleasant Township.

The Putnam County Engineer, in partnership with ODOT, plans to replace this bridge to resolve the current weight restriction. The Putnam County Engineer received a grant through the County Engineers Association of Ohio Local Bridge Program (LBR), which provides for 80% of the project construction costs. A portion of this project is located within the regulated floodplain of Plum Creek, so the project is being designed to have minimal impact on the floodplain and result in no rise in local flood levels. A Floodplain Statement of Findings about the results of the floodplain analysis is available at <https://putnamcountyohio.gov/engineer/>.

Work is anticipated to take place during the summer or fall of 2026, depending on weather and contractor scheduling. Access for local traffic to their properties will be maintained throughout construction. For through traffic, the posted detour routes will be as follows:

To continue north: Where CR 11-J meets CR Z, go southeast on CR Z towards Columbus Grove to its intersection with SR 65. Go north on SR 65. At the intersection of CR O, go west until it intersects CR 11-J. From here, you can go south to the closure or go north on CR 11-J.

To continue south: Where CR 11-J meets CR O, go east on CR O to its intersection with SR 65. Go south on SR 65. At the intersection of CR Z (Sycamore Street), go northwest until it intersects CR 11-J. From there, you can go north to the closure or keep going northwest on CR Z.

Written comments regarding this project may be sent within fifteen (15) days from the date this notice was published to the Putnam County Engineer at 245 E. Main St., Ste. 205, Ottawa, OH 45875, or at [michael.lenhart@putnamcountyohio.gov](mailto:michael.lenhart@putnamcountyohio.gov). Please note that comments without contact information do not enable a response.